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INDO FRENCH COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether a meeting of the Indo-French Joint Committee on Scientific and Technical Cooperation was held recently;

(b)if so, the details thereof; whether an agreement regarding creation of joint laboratories has been signed;

(c)if so, the details thereof; and the extent to which it is likely to strengthen the Indo-French ties?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a)& (b)Yes, Sir. The 8th meeting of the Indo-French Joint Committee on Scientific and Technical Cooperation was held in New Delhi on March 9-10, 2000. It was decided to develop joint programmes in the areas of Environment, Information Technology and Communication, Life Sciences and Pure Science.

(c), (d) & (e):An MOU has been signed between Bureau de Recherches Geologiques et Minieres (BRGM) of France and Nationa Geo-Physical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad for setting up an Indo-French Centre for Groundwater Research (IFCGR). Anothe MOU has been signed between the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Institut de Researche Pour Le Development, France fo Cooperation in the field of Research and Education. A Joint Statement of Intent on the Establishment of an Indo-French Laser Research Laboratory has also been signed for setting up of an Indo-French Laser Research Laboratory in India. The setting up of these Laboratories is likely to strengthen the Indo-French Cooperation in Science and Technology